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Dear Illinois Consumer

prescription drugs has become a serious For all too many Illinoisans, paying for

carefully.* uninsured, who may price shop more may pay more for prescriptions than the prescriptions and patients without health expensive to seniors taking several made some medications prohibitively Sadly, rising prescription drug prices have insurance. Even patients with insurance

save a considerable amount of money on about your current health or prescription call my Health Care Helpline at your prescriptions. If you have questions drug plans, or if you need help, please With some careful planning, you could 1-877-305-5145.



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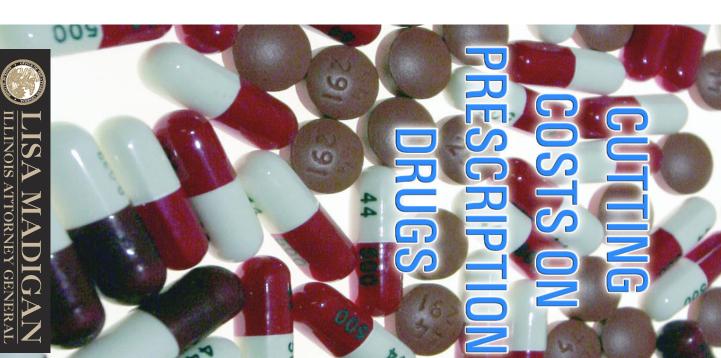
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HOW TO SAVE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

| BUY GENERICS

Generic drugs often cost considerably less than their brand name counterparts. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you can purchase generic equivalents to your prescriptions.



X BUY OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Ask your doctor if there is an over-the-counter drug equivalent to your prescription that could save you money.



dangerous drug interactions. medication that you take and can ensure that you avoid any the same pharmacy. That way, your pharmacist will know every in the same town. Once you have shopped around, try to fill all your prescriptions at You can often find significant savings by comparing prices among different pharmacies

X SENIOR CITIZEN AND PHARMACY DISCOUNTS

Your pharmacy may provide an unadvertised senior citizen discount. Often, you have to inquire about the discount in order to get it.

BUY IN BULK

Prescription drugs often cost less if you buy them in larger quantities. Ask your doctor about purchasing your medications in three to six month supplies, which can be cheaper than refilling prescriptions monthly.

X ONLINE OR MAIL ORDER COMPANIES

If you decide to order your prescription online or through a mail order company, make sure the company is reputable and you receive the exact drug you were prescribed. Check with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (www.nabp.net) to determine whether a Web site is a licensed pharmacy in good standing.



DRUG BUYING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Illinois Rx Buying Club

1-866-215-3462

TTY: 1-866-215-3479

www.IllinoisRxBuyingClub.com

Medicaid

1-800-252-8635

TTY: 1-800-447-6404

www.dpaillinois.com/medical/medicaid.html

Medicare

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

TTY: 1-877-486-2048

www.medicare.gov

Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical

Assistance Program

1-800-624-2459

TTY: 1-800-544-5304

www.revenue.state.il.us/CircuitBreaker/

SeniorCare

1-800-226-0768

TTY: 1-877-204-1012

www.seniorcareillinois.com

Drug Company Assistance Programs

Ask your doctor for more information.

The Illinois Department on Aging offers information on state assistance programs and provides a chart comparing state and federal assistance programs. Call 1-800-252-8966 (voice & TTY) or visit their Web site at www.state.il.us/aging.